

## COUNTRY LIFE.

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Which is better, country life or city life? The answer to this question resolves itself into the statement of the advantages of the one over the other. Pure water is one among the many advantages of country life over city life. In the country the water supply is derived from wells, which furnish an abundant supply of cool and pure water; it is pure because it is under ground and is thereby free from the germs that infest the tanks and standpipes of a city.

Then there is pure air which always will be present in the country so long as it continues to be as thinly settled as at present, and as long as trees and the many plants continue to grow; because plants give off the gases which we inhale. Pure air, as a general rule, is not to be found in a large city, because of the dense population, the sometimes bad drainage, and the absence of plants.

When one wishes to see natural scenery, where does he go to look for it? He goes to the country. One may go to a large city to view the scenery, but that which he finds there is all artificial, therefore when one wishes to see the natural he goes into the country to look at the great mountains, the beautiful sloping woodlands and small clear rills that wind their way down the mountain sides and through the meadowlands growing as they go until they are large enough to turn the water-wheel of a corn mill or to run the machinery of a great cotton mill.

In the country we have very few immoral attractions. No cheap theaters are to be found, which, as every one knows, is an advantage of the country. If one habitually attends a cheap theater it affects the mind in much the same way as reading ten cent novels affects it. Also, in the country social companions are more select. The country is not so densely settled as the city, therefore, because there are fewer people together one has a better chance of having more select social companions, and should they prove not to be of the better type, while one remains in the country he will not be thrown into their company very often.


But country life presents some disadvantages. In the country we have very few good schools. One of the many reasons why the country schools are not very good is a lack of equipment, because the country people as a general thing are poor and uneducated, which accounts for their taking so little interest in the schools and not putting any more money to them. Many country schools are very short terms. Every one knows, or should know, that no school can be carried on to the best advantage unless it has a term something like seven or eight months long. But I must say that it is a sad fact that many of the country schools fall far short of a seven or eight months term.

Then too, the lack of funds is one reason why the country schools, as a general thing, are provided with a poor teaching force. The best teachers are in demand and they have a right to demand in turn a good salary, which the country schools can not afford, because they have not the means with which to pay the best; and as a consequence they take what they can get with what money they have. The country people are being imposed upon by incapable teachers and they do not realize it. A so-called teacher puts in an application for a school and the first thing the trustees want to know is, how much he or she wants. If the price is rather low they say, "That is the very one we are looking for."

The churches in the country are few and far apart, and like the schools they lack the means to have preaching every Sunday. Once or twice in a month is as often as they have preaching, so that people do not have the privilege of listening to instructive sermons every Sunday as they would were they living in a city.

In every city of any importance is to be found a large library. But such is not found in the country. One may find a few but they are very small and cannot be very beneficial. And, again every large city has a number of lyceum attractions each year, but one never hears of a lyceum lecturer visiting the country. The country people scarcely know what a lyceum attraction is. If it were announced that a lyceum course would be given at some country school house during the school year many people would scarcely know what it meant.

Then in conclusion: Which is better, country life or city life? We believe that any community could, with a little effort give to its people many advantages now enjoyed by our cities. These combined with its own advantages would make country life



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## A Kitchen Tragedy.

The black coal scuttle hugged the stove

One freezing winter's night,  
(For cook had banked the kitchen fire  
and closed its dampers tight.)  
"Dear suz!" It groaned, with famish-  
ed air,

"My stomach's empty, quite!"

"I've doled out fuel all day long,  
With never a complaint;  
You're nourished with my chestnut  
\*coal,

While I am lean and faint,  
It must be grand to feel so full."  
The stove vouchsafed: "It ain't!"

"My indigestion's something fierce!"

"Tis better far to be  
A trifle empty, than to have  
Your innards stuffed like me!"  
The scuttle rubbed its aching void,  
"You make me tired!" snapped he.

"My drafts are clogged," the stove  
complained,

It wheezed, then snored full deep.  
The scuttle, like the Spartan boy,  
Endeavored not to weep  
Dreaming sweet dreams of luscious  
coal,

Toward morn, it fell asleep!

—Mazie V. Caruthers, in N. Y. Times.

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## Lost Horsepower.

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mate, in an ocean steamer of 100 feet  
beam, 950 feet length, and, let us say,  
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per cent. of the horsepower, or about  
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## LANFORD NEWS.

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sionary society Saturday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Deshields are the  
guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Waldrep.  
Hon. John M. Cannon and family  
spent Saturday night and Sunday with  
his parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Bomer spent the  
week-end here with Mrs. Bomer's par-  
ents.  
Miss Nell Welborn visited in Lan-  
ford a few days last week, returning  
to Spartanburg Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Thomas and little  
son and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Moore were  
the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R.  
Franks Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Levonia Thompson spent the  
week-end with Miss Sarah Wolff.

Miss Florrie Lanford spent Saturday  
and Sunday in Woodruff.

Miss Carrie Fowler spent the week-  
end with her parents at Warrior  
Creek. Miss Robin Patterson accom-  
panied her.

Mr. Brutus Moore is visiting at his  
father's, E. H. Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hunter visited in  
Woodruff Saturday.

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## No Extradition Possible.

The case of Bud Musgrove was  
called before the Clay county court.  
Counsel for Bud rose, divested himself  
of a sigh, and addressed the court.  
"Yo' honor," he said, "this case  
cann't be tried, if it please yo'-all."

"These cases must be tried hand-  
running, counsel," admonished the  
court. "Why cann't Bud's be brought  
befo' the bar?"

"If it please the co't," answered  
counsel, "Bud's in another state."  
"Justice requires that Bud be  
brought hyeh," ruled his honor. "He  
must be extradited. What state is Bud  
residin' in?"

"There ain't nobody who can extra-  
dite Bud right away, yo' honah," in-  
formed counsel. "He's in a state of  
inebriety, seh."—New York Evening  
Post.

## Natural Defects Overcome.

Lessing once said that "If Raphael  
had been born without arms he would  
nevertheless have been a great paint-  
er," and we are reminded of the queer  
phrase by the appearance on the stage  
of a Berlin theater of an armless ar-  
tist. He challenges our wonder and  
admiration, writes a man who saw  
him, and his performance is a great  
lesson to those who hesitate in the  
face of ordinary obstacles. The pic-  
tures which this genius produces are  
made with pencil or brush held by the  
teeth and guided by the head's mo-  
tions. Landscapes, portraits and still  
life pictures are made in this way, and  
while they may not be in the academy  
class they are more wonderful than  
many works which aspire to that dis-  
tinction.

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